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ICPC Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00a.m. to 4:30p.m. Eastern Standard Time Zone

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Relative Placements: All relatives must become licensed foster parents.

Court Jurisdiction. Juvenile Court has jurisdiction in dependency, abuse, neglect, and delinquency, Juvenile and Probate Courts have concurrent jurisdiction regarding petitions for voluntary and involuntary termination of parental rights. Probate court has jurisdiction regarding petitions for adoption. Circuit or Superior Court has divorce jurisdiction.

REQUIREMENTS

Reports. Frequency of reporting established according to policy and procedure of agency making placement. All progress reports, to and from Indiana, are to be sent through the Indiana ICPC office to be forwarded to the appropriate Indiana agency or ICPC office.

Licensing Requirements. A current license is required for family homes to which board is paid, as well as group homes, child care institutions, and private child placing agencies. IC 12-2-2.

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PLACEMENTS

Adoptive and Foster Care Placements.

-Review by the State Department of Child Services (DSC), Interstate Office, of a current home study of the proposed foster, adoptive, or relative home made by an Indiana County Department of Child Services (DSC) office.

-Review by the State Department of Child Services, Interstate Office, of social, medical, and legal information on the child or children to be placed, provided by an out-of-state licensed or approved child placing agency.

-An interstate agreement with the out-of-state agency having legal custody of the child (co-signed by the state department of the other state) for return of the child; if for any reason the placement should fail. DFC Regulations: 470 IAC3-5.1-2; and IC 12-1-2-3; IC 12-3-23-1.

Adoption Petition. Petitioner(s) must be Indiana residents. However, nonresidents may file a petition to adopt a child defined as "hard to place" in IC 31-3-3-1.). Petition may be filed after placement, but law requires a period of supervision and a court summary by a County Office of the Department of Child Services or a licensed child placing agency prior to granting the adoption. The period of supervision is usually six (6) months to one (1) year at the discretion of the court.

Independent Adoptive Placements. ICPC referral required for adoptive placements (except between relatives as specified in Article VIII) into and out of Indiana. Independent adoptions: in situations in which no licensed or authorized agency is placing the child, there must be a court appointed guardian with financial and planning responsibility for the child in the sending state. This guardian may be any competent adult other than the birth parents or the adoptive parents. For independent adoptive placements into and out of Indiana, there must be a court appointed guardian with financial and planning responsibility for the child.

Residential Placements. Questions regarding residential placements should be directed to the individual facility or to the Interstate Compact Office staff.

Relative Placements. **All relatives must complete foster parent training, and be licensed as foster parents.**

Foster Care Placements. Licensing is required.

Foreign Adoptions: **Foreign adoption decrees are given full faith and credit.** The Interstate Office must approve foreign children who enter Indiana as unadopted orphans.

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PAYMENTS

TANF Payments: Children placed by another state in the home of a specified relative in Indiana may receive TANF payments so long as all other eligibility requirements are met.

Medicaid Payments: Medical payments for Indiana wards placed out-of-state are paid through wardship funds or by Medicaid in the receiving state if the child is Title IV-E eligible. Eligible IV-E Foster Care children placed in Indiana by another state will be eligible for Indiana Medicaid.

Title IV-E Adoption Assistance: Indiana children who are eligible for IV-E Adoption Assistance remain eligible for the Indiana Adoption Assistance Program (IASP), which includes Medicaid benefits. Children who reside in Indiana but receive IV-E Adoption Assistance from another state are eligible for Indiana Medicaid.

Indiana County Adoption Subsidy: Indiana adoption subsidies, which are county-funded, are available only to Indiana residents or nonresidents who adopt a child defined as "hard to place." (Indiana Code 31-3-3-1.) Such a subsidy follows the child and family if the adoptive family moves out of Indiana. Medicaid for eligible county subsidy recipients is available.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Child Abuse Hotline, Statewide. Report to the County Office, Department of Child Services in which abuse or neglect occurs.

Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance. (317) 232-4432

Interstate Compact on Juveniles. (317) 232-1313

Interstate Compact on Mental Health. (317) 232-7800